

## FAIR HEADS REPORTING PROGRESS

President Homes Says Reports from Committee Encouraging.

### PROSPECTS EXCELLENT

Tickets Expected to Meet With Ready Sale, Presaging Good Attendance.

Excellent prospects prevail for the Winter Fair, December 5, 6, 7, and 8. If favorable conditions are all responding very well—the same enthusiastic work that has been characteristic of the past ten days, the event will eclipse all former efforts, both as to the quality of exhibits and the volume.

Fred C. Homes, who heads the executive committee, in an interview today said: "The committees are all responding very well—several more reports are to come in today and tomorrow. Committees on industrial, merchants and automobile displays are all working strong, and have a good line-up, as has the poultry and rabbit departments. The committees on Art, Domestic Exhibits and Needle departments are all functioning and doing well. The sale of tickets looks mighty good. Every class in the high school is working industriously. Prizes aggregating \$50.00 in money, are to be distributed to those who sell the most tickets in \$20.00, \$15, \$10, and \$5 denominations. Prospects are good for a big sale of tickets."

### Good Auto Exhibit.

A. C. Whitte, chairman of the committee on the automobile exhibit, reports fine progress. He states that the firms of both Medford and Ashland are responding satisfactorily, and says: "The busy Corner, Dodge Motor Co., Studebaker, Paige, and Durant dealers, and the Implement store of Medford will be represented with excellent displays. The Ford and Buick agencies of Ashland, have applied for space. A demonstration of the new four-wheel brakes, with which the new Buicks are equipped, will probably be made on the second day of the Fair on the block between the Citizens Bank of Ashland and the First National Bank. The superiority of the Buick four-wheel brake will be demonstrated over the two-wheel brake."

### Dairy Exhibit

Ralph Billings, head of the Dairying exhibit committee, says: "We have received good ideas from O. A. C., and have been cooperating with County Agent Cate and have promise of an extra fine exhibit. Members of our committee are working hard. Prize stock and cattle will be displayed."

### Request More Room

G. A. Briscoe, head of the school exhibit, is enthusiastic regarding the exhibit to be made by his department. He says: "The display is to be exceptionally good and the best we have ever had. Everything will be of a spectacular nature in order to get the public interested. All we want now is to have the entire Chautauqua Building in which to demonstrate our work. Please ask Mr. Fuller for more space. Every grade has something worth while."

Reports from other committees give assurance that their departments will be well represented.

### SAY SLAYERS OF BANK MESSENGERS CONFESS

NEW YORK, Nov. 28.—Complete confessions made by Joseph and Morris Diamond, brothers, charged with homicide and robbery in connection with the \$43,000 robbery and murder of two bank messengers in Brooklyn, November 14, were obtained, according to a statement made today by District Attorney Dodd.

The Diamond brothers denied firing the shots that killed bank messengers and named three gunmen as the actual killers, Dodd said.

### CONTRACT AWARDED ON REDWOOD HIGHWAY

GRANTS PASS, Nov. 30.—Work on the last link of the Redwood highway between Grants Pass and the California line has been started and will be concluded by July 1, 1924. The contract was awarded to Logan, MacVicar & Halls, a local firm, and clearing operations have started.

### HIMALAYA BERRIES FOR WINTER FAIR

Another proof of Ashland climate was provided this morning when D. A. Owens, of Welmer Street, called at the Tidings office with several branches of Himalaya berry bushes, which were loaded with big, ripe berries. Not only did the branches carry many ripe berries but a good supply of green berries, some of them full size. The berries were grown in an unprotected area in the Owens orchard.

November 21, Mr. Owens served ripe strawberries and ripe blackberries to a guest from Modoc county, Calif.

Several branches of the fresh, ripe Himalaya berries will be on exhibit at the Winter Fair, which opens Dec. 5.

### RECALL CIRCULATORS COMPLAIN ABOUT PAY

Secretary of Pierce Recall Movement Disappears from Portland Office.

PORTLAND, Nov. 29.—Trouble seems to be in the offing for the "Pierce recall committee" or for Walter G. Smith, the secretary of that mythical organization, or for somebody.

Circulators who have been peddling the recall petitions about town report that they have not been able to find Mr. Smith or to get their money for several days.

One complains that 20 or more of the street workers waited patiently all day yesterday for Smith to put in an appearance at 421 Morgan building and pay up. He didn't show up and today not only was he not in evidence up to noon, but the office was locked, with the admonition tacked on the door warning the visitors not to congregate in the hallway.

W. C. North, manager of the Morgan building, confesses that he put the notice on the door, because the circulators were a "damned nuisance" and blocked the hall way. He has ruled them out of the halls for some time now, making them congregate in the lobby.

North also says that he told Smith to vacate on December 12, and that he would have made it earlier but for the fact that the rent was paid up to that date.

### THANKSGIVING SHOOT SUCCESSFUL EVENT

The turkey and merchandise shoot staged Thanksgiving forenoon by the Ashland Rod & Gun club was a successful event, despite inclement weather. In the scatter gun events, Fred Neil and Ben Bowers were the most consistent winners, the former capturing five firsts and the latter four. Ed. Cowland was winner in one event.

Ben Bowers, Jansen, Glascoe, and Parmon divided honors in the rifle events. Several marksmen were present from outside points, including Wm. Bates and Dr. C. F. Farmer, Medford, and Glascoe and Garvin, of Talent.

Other shoots will be held during winter months. The names of several new members are being added to the club.

### STATE SUPREME COURT UPHOLDS HIGHWAY COM.

SALEM, Nov. 28.—The state highway commission has the power to designate and adopt a route for a state highway and condemn the right of way necessary for that road, the supreme court ruled this morning on passing upon the appeal of Malcolm A. Moody from the decision of the Wasco circuit court which held that the condemnation of his land by the state highway commission was legal.

### SPECIAL TRAIN CARRIES PRISONERS FROM RENO

RENO, Nov. 28.—With twenty prisoners aboard, a special train is scheduled to leave Reno this afternoon for Leavenworth, Kan., with United States Marshal J. H. Fulmer in charge.

The prisoners, including eight Chinese, will be placed in the federal penitentiary at Leavenworth. Most of the prisoners were sentenced to serve from one to three years for selling narcotics.

## EXCELLENT POULTRY IS GUARANTEED

Entries Being Received from Various Points in Oregon and Washington.

### MANY RABBITS COMING

Rabbit Breeders and Pigeon Owners Bringing Exhibits from Many Points.

Chickens from all over Oregon and some other states will cackle in the big auditorium next week. Entries have been coming in from every direction and the prospects are good for the best show we have ever held says, Mr. H. W. Fram, Supt. of the Poultry Department.

We are fortunate in securing Chas. S. Brewster as judge in this department.

Hal E. Osborn of Portland, will judge the rabbits and he is popular with all the rabbit men.

Talent, Phoenix and Medford furnish the largest number of rabbit breeders and the Sungold Rabbitry, W. N. Estes of Talent, W. P. Rath, of Phoenix, and C. S. Roberts of Medford are always on hand with a large string, and have no fear from the competition of Portland, Seattle and Tacoma breeders. The competition is keen in this Dept. and the growth of this industry is marked. Many of the real fine furs nowadays come from the rabbit specially bred for this purpose and gloves are also manufactured from the skin.

A large display of pigeons of all varieties has been entered by one of the breeders from the northern part of the state—Sean Bros. Squab Farm of Milwaukie, Ore. These will lend variety and interest to the exhibit.

Ashland stores have always planned to have a special showing Winter Fair week and this feature this year will be more marked than ever. The first week in December being special trade week in Ashland.

## LITHIANS TO REIGN LAST NIGHT OF FAIR

Minstrels, Octette and Entertainers Will All Participate in Program.

The Lithians will hold the stage on Saturday, which is carnival night, and there will be something doing every minute from the time the bell rings. The Lithian minstrels, Octette and entertainers will put on a show which alone will be worth the price of a Season ticket and there will be stunts galore in all parts of the building.

Season tickets are all numbered and three of these numbers will be "lucky numbers." The persons holding these numbers will be presented with a valuable gift on Saturday night and every ticket holder will plan to be present on this night.

### WILL HOLD COVELL TRIAL DECEMBER 10

MARSHFIELD, Nov. 30.—Alton Covell, self confessed murderer of Mrs. Ebba Covell, will be tried December 10. Judge Kendall has decided. Arthur Covell, prime mover and convicted of being an accessory, is now in the state penitentiary, awaiting the hangman's noose for his part in the murder.

The grand jury will sit December 3 and the result of investigations is likely to add many cases to those which are already on the docket for the term commencing December 10.

### POSPECTORS PREDICT AN OPEN WINTER

HAINES, Or., Nov. 28.—Mining camps in the Blue mountain range west of Haines have observed the nature signs and predict an open winter for eastern Oregon. The fur of animals trapped is said to be inferior for this season and squirrels and chipmunks have gathered less than their customary winter stores. These and other indications are said to point to a less severe winter than for many years past.

Scio feed mill to put on extra shift.

### INSTUCTED TO KILL IN D'OUTREMONT HUNT

MILWAUKEE, Nov. 30.—With orders to kill them if necessary, Department of Justice agents, detectives, and police are searching Milwaukee for Roy, Ray and Hugh D'Autremont, wanted in connection with the hold-up of Southern Pacific train near Siskiyou, October 11. The men are said to have been trailed half way across the continent.

### WINTER FAIR EXCITES INTERNATIONAL BROT.

Some unusual stunts are in planning for the Fair and it is understood that San Francisco Chinatown is contemplating securing the stage basement for the exploitation of Chop Sney and other delectable dishes known only to these Oriental peoples.

Comes then numerous protests from Tia Juana that Mexican Tamales are superior to any China Town dish and that unless a concession is granted for this purpose there will be something doing in Mexico. These difficult situations will be ironed out by the Lithian High Fizz as the Lithians are to reign supreme on Saturday night.

## INSPECTOR WARNS AGAINST ROBBERIES

Banks Urged to Protect Messengers—Frequency of Robberies Alarming.

PORTLAND, Nov. 30.—Robbery of banks and bank messengers in broad daylight have become so common and daring throughout the Northwest that Chief Inspector of Police John T. Moore issued a special warning to bankers and business men here.

Messengers carrying large sums of money should be carefully guarded and their movements should be kept secret as possible, Inspector Moore warned. Frequently, he said, messengers move large sums of money without little or no protection and consequently encourage bandits to attack them in the public streets in broad daylight.

The Seattle hold-up, staged Tuesday during the rush evening hours, in which \$20,000 was taken, should be a thorough lesson to all banks and business houses, Moore stated. The robbery of the Mosier bank, which was believed to have been committed by Portland men, has also caused considerable comment in local police circles.

### FARM BLOC MOVES TO PROTECT FARM INTERESTS

WASHINGTON, Nov. 30.—Interests of American farmers will be amply protected in the coming session of congress under tentative proposals drafted by the farm bloc today. The revision of tax laws, shifting more of the tax burden from the poor to the rich and a heavy reduction in transportation costs would be two planks in the platform, according to Senator Capper, chairman.

The formation of an expert corporation to expand export trade and the endorsement of the co-operative marketing movement by providing wider government facilities are also planned in the program. Under the revision of tax laws it is proposed to reduce taxes on incomes under \$10,000, and placing heavier taxes on inheritances and securities not listed as tax exempt.

### LATE BULLETINS

INDIANAPOLIS, Nov. 30.—McCray, governor of Indiana, whose financial affairs have been under investigation many weeks, was indicted by the Marion county grand jury in its report to circuit court here.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 30.—Senator LaFollette, of Wisconsin, is so ill that he will not be able to attend the opening of the sixtieth congress, it is announced here. The veteran senator is confined to his bed with an attack of influenza. Unusual interest surrounds him, due to the powerful position he will occupy in this congress.

SAN ANTONIO, Nov. 30.—Martha Mansfield, film star, burned about the body and face yesterday when a match ignited her dress, died today from the burns.

## REVIVING SPANISH SWINDLE

Postal Officials Warn Public Against Old Bunco Game.

### OPERATE IN OREGON

Barcelona, Madrid and Valencia Among Cities Used by Swindlers.

The old "Spanish Swindle" which found victims far and wide throughout the United States during a series of years prior to the war, seems to have taken on life anew. Its activities suspended during the great world catastrophe, are in evidence again, and have permeated into Oregon and this section of the state recently, according to reports which have reached local postal officials, for its operations are carried on thru the mails.

The scheme consists in sending letters to certain persons, who have previously been selected by confederates. The foundation of the plot varies somewhat. In some instances the writer represents himself as a dying prisoner in a military fortress. He has a fortune on deposit in London or in New York, but the certificates of stock are concealed in a secret receptacle of his trunk, which has been seized by the Spanish court, and will be held until the prisoner or his representative, has satisfied the costs of trial. He claims more or less distant relationship with the person addressed.

If the first letter bears fruit, it is quickly followed by others in which the prisoners daughter plays a prominent part. She is in Spain with a protector, and the prisoner, her father, is about to die. A proposal is made to send her, accompanied by a priest, to the newly found relative for protection, if enough money is sent to release the trunk containing the secret receipts and the certificates of deposit. If the relative will accept the trust he is to receive a liberal portion, one-fourth or one-third as the case may be, of the prisoner's entire fortune of approximately half a million dollars. Of course the swindlers never hear from the money requested.

Under the Spanish laws a felony must be consummated before the police may act and a mere attempt to obtain money by false pretenses does not appear to warrant arrest. The money must be actually paid over, and the presenting witness must be present to testify. Otherwise prosecution would be useless. And for this reason apprehension of the swindlers seems to be difficult. Barcelona, Madrid and Valencia are among the Spanish cities which are used by the swindlers for their letter mailings, it is said.

## STUDY INCOME TAX LEAGUE'S EXPENSES

Delegation from Oregon State Grange Inspects Mr. Brownell's Books.

A deputation from the Oregon State grange visited the court of Presiding Judge Evans yesterday and started inspection of the account book of Cyril G. Brownell, as treasurer of the State Income Tax Referendum league. The book had been turned over to the judge Tuesday morning. The delegation of grange members was composed of M. C. Glover, an overseer; Bertha J. Beck, member of the campaign committee, and A. H. Tanner, attorney for the grange.

The grange officials brought in a certified accountant and put him to work inspecting the book and its contents. Attorney Tanner said that when his inspection is completed he will decide whether or not to go to court and ask to see check books and bank books Brownell presumably has in his possession. The grange won a long legal battle by obtaining a writ of mandamus ordering Brownell to show officials of the grange the books he kept for his organization during the recent campaign.

### Home for Thanksgiving

Dr. George J. Kinz has returned home from northern California to spend the Thanksgiving holiday with his family.

### HARD MUST STAND TRIAL FOR MURDER OF SKEEN

YREKA, Nov. 27.—William Hard, charged with Ronald Erno with the murder of Fred H. Skeen at Sam's Neck on October 31st, yesterday was referred from the juvenile court to the criminal court and must face the charge of murder.

The order was made by Judge C. J. Luttrell following the examination of Sheriff Andrew S. Calkins.

Hard was surprised yesterday with a visit from his mother, Mrs. Helen Hard of Los Angeles, estranged wife of his father, George Hard, policeman at Vernon. Hard claimed that he was 17 years old yesterday.

### FATAL ACCIDENTS REPORTED IN STATE

SALEM, Nov. 30.—During the first 28 days in November a total of 23 fatal accidents were reported to the state industrial commission. This was said to be the largest number of fatalities reported to the commission during a similar period of time in the history of the department. The most deaths occurred in the logging and milling industry.

## MEDFORD WINS BY SCORE OF 12 TO 10

Contest Was Close; Over One Thousand Attend from Medford.

Medford defeated Ashland on the local football field Thanksgiving Day by a score of 12 to 10, thru the simple neglect of Ashland's safety not playing position. The sensation of the game was a 60 yard run by Daly, of Medford, for the visitors' second touchdown.

The game started fairly well for Ashland, who carried the ball without a stop, for touchdown within 13 minutes of play. The eighty yards included a pass from center, which was made when the acting quarter was not in position to receive, and rolled back about twenty yards. Ashland's pep in the first quarter looked like a winning day for the home team. Chapman carried the ball for touchdown. Goal was kicked. The next score for Ashland was a short field goal from a nice boot by Thornton in the third quarter. Medford scored a touchdown, by some neat shifty headwork and heavy driving, but failed to kick goal in the second quarter.

Medford's winning touchdown was made in the third quarter soon after the field count. Medford's mass formation on the line, consistently followed up, resulted in a tangled scrimmage which allowed Daly to slip around left end and outrun Ashland pursuers. Ashland's propensity for fumbling counted several yards against winning.

The game was fast, clean and without injury. The weather was cold enough to make good football and the teams put up a snappy interesting game. The crowds on the sidelines were about even, probably twelve hundred having come from Medford to see whether Ashland was to hoist its colors, which were pulled down at Medford Armistice Day.

T. P. Kramer, Jr., of Grants Pass, referee; Charles Dolson, University of Oregon, umpire; C. E. Cook, Jacksonville, head linesman.

### CERTIFICATE SOUGHT FOR CRANE-BURNS EXTENSION

SALEM, Nov. 30.—The Oregon-Washington Railroad & Navigation company has filed with the interstate commerce commission application for certificate of public convenience and necessity authorizing the extension of a line of railroad from Crane to Burns. This railroad will be 32 miles in length and will tap a valuable belt of timber in the Malheur national forest.

A copy of the application for authority to proceed with the construction work was received at the offices of the public service commission Tuesday.

### GRAND BALL SUCCESS

The grand Thanksgiving Ball given last night under the auspices of the Lithians was a highly successful social affair. The attendance was liberal and excellent music was provided by Loveland's orchestra.

### SAVING IS AFFORDED BY SEASON TICKETS

Citizens of Ashland are urged to give consideration to the saving effected in purchasing season tickets for the Winter Fair December 5, 6, 7 and 8.

Season tickets, good for the entire week, are on sale at the remarkably low price of 50 cents. The single admission is 25 cents, making it evident that a season ticket good for the week can be had for the price of only two single admissions.

People are also urged to remember that an excellent program is to be rendered each evening, any one of the four being worth the price of a season ticket.

## MILKING CONTEST A FEATURE OF FAIR

George Collins and D. Perozzi, and Other Expert Milkers Expected to Participate

One of the interesting events of the week will be the milking contest and entries for this event may be handed to the Chairman of the Dairy Department any time before 12:00 o'clock Friday noon. Just how this contest will be carried out is yet unsettled and may have to be referred to a committee of experts. Efforts will be made to get Geo. T. Pollius of the Medford Grocery Co., D. Perozzi of Ashland and other expert milkers to enter this contest.

It may be necessary to adjourn to the dairies of Ralph Billings or D. M. Love, but it is hoped that "enough milk cows may be assembled in the Plaza or on the Chautauqua grounds, possibly inside the building just long enough to attend to this ceremony.

Emil Peil will handle the milk.

### IRENE CASTLE MARRIED TO SON OF COFFEE KING

CHICAGO, Nov. 30.—Irene Castle, famous dancer, was married last night to Frederick McLaughlin, her third husband. McLaughlin is the son of the coffee king and is a polo star. He served as major during the war. The couple departed last night for Pacific Coast points.

### FRENCH PRIEST RESCUED FROM CHINESE BANDITS

SHANGHAI, Nov. 30.—Father Frederic, French Catholic Priest was rescued today from the bandits who captured him three weeks ago and held him for ransom. The rescue was effected by the Twentieth Regiment of Chinese regular army in Shantung province. A few shots were exchanged in effecting the rescue.

### COMMITTEE TO STUDY INDEMNITY QUESTION

PARIS, Nov. 30.—The interallied reparations commission today decided to appoint two committees of experts to study the indemnity question. The United States will be invited to participate. One committee will study methods of stabilizing the Reich budget and currency, and the other will evaluate Germany's resources abroad and study methods of utilizing them. France is said to oppose the presence of German experts, but welcomes the participation of Americans.

### NATIONAL CAPITOL IS GREAT CLEARING HOUSE

WASHINGTON, Nov. 30.—The National Capitol has become the world's greatest clearing house for information and identification of criminals. Finger prints and Bertillon measurements of millions of persons who are either actual criminals or who have been arrested on suspicion of having committed serious crimes are on file in the Department of Justice and are being added to daily.

### SHERIFF FOUND GUILTY OF SELLING LIQUOR

SPOKANE, Nov. 27.—Sheriff Kirkpatrick of Bonner county, Idaho, was found guilty by a federal jury at Couer D'Alene on two counts of conspiracy to violate dry laws. He was accused of removing liquor from a railroad car at Sand Point and later causing it to be sold around town.

## BIG MINSTREL SHOW BILLED FOR MONDAY

High Class, Varied Program Will Feature Lithian's Annual Show.

FEATURES ARE NOVEL

Octette, "Black Brothers and Dad," Rosebud Chorus Will Be Features.

The first annual minstrel show to be staged by the Lithians will be presented at the Vining Theatre Monday evening, December 3. The show will be staged one night only.

The program opens with the famous Lithian Octette in a beautiful singing and vaudeville act. This organization won hearty applause at the recent State Fair in their booster songs of Ashland, and has appeared in other towns, but this will be the first appearance before a home audience.

Clyde Gunter will follow the Octette with a black-face act. Gunter needs no introduction, as his reputation as an entertainer is well established.

The "Black Brothers and Dad" will appear in the third number. The act is one in which seven saxophones will be used, including the smallest and the largest saxophones manufactured. Interspersing the music some laughable comedy will be staged, and the act will closely duplicate the famous act of the Six Brown Brothers, the world's most famous saxophone artists.

A brief intermission will follow the saxophone number. The first act following the intermission will mark the appearance of the Cabaret Minstrels, in which the participants appear in a scene representing a modern cabaret. The head waiter will appear in the usual role of interlocutor, and the colored waiters will represent the usual end-men. The act will open with a chorus of 50 people. Dr. Phetteplace will stage a con song and dance. Other excellent features of the cabaret act will be a number by the troupe, a fox trot by the Guest of the cabaret, a solo dance by Blanch McLean, a song and dance by Alice McGee, and songs by the Rose Bud chorus, a negro male quartet. Intermingling the musical numbers will be plenty of spicy black face comedy, rendered by the end-men and the Guest. A number of the cabaret stunts are side-splitting in their mirth.

The closing number will be by the chorus of 50 members. The program is exceptionally well balanced and spicy and Ashland people are assured an evening of unusual pleasure.

"Tickets for the show are now on sale at the Vining and are being purchased with a speed that is gratifying to the Lithians. Those desiring good seats are urged to place orders immediately, as the better seats will soon be disposed of. There are indications that the house will be sold out.

### FEAR MYRTLE CREEK MAN ACCIDENT VICTIM

ROSEBURG, Nov. 29.—Fears are expressed here that George Weaver, son of County Commissioner Edwin Weaver of Myrtle Creek, who has not been heard from since last August, may have been a passenger on the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy train which was derailed and plunged off a bridge near Lockett, Wyo., with a loss of 27 lives. Weaver went to Washington D. C., and was due to arrive home about the time of the fatal accident in Wyoming.

### 18TH ENGINEERS TO HOLD ANNUAL REUNION

SEATTLE, Wash., Nov. 30.—"The gang will have a feature you haven't enjoyed since before the war," is the enticing word sent out by the committee in charge of plans for the fifth annual reunion of the 18th engineers (railway) which will be held Saturday at the Butler hotel here. The affair is in the nature of a surprise and efforts are being made to have a large delegation present from Oregon who served part of their enlistment in the 18th engineers during the late war. The ex-soldiers plan on witnessing the Oregon-Washington game at the stadium in the afternoon and attending the annual banquet at the Butler hotel in the evening.

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